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C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 1150

FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR WRIGGINS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS - PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE

REF: STATE 061452, PARA 5

1. I HAVE SPENT LAST TWO DAYS IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS QUESTION WITH AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN AND JAPANESE COLLEAGUES. THEY HAVE BEEN REVIEWING SUBJECT WITH OTHER INTERESTED CHIEFS OF MISSION, AND STRATEGICALLY PLACED INDIVIDUALS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE. DCM HAS DISCREETLY PROBED CONTACTS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. FOLLOWING CONSENSUS HAS EMERGED.

2. PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE'S DECISION TO REMOVE AMERASINGHE FROM ANY CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) VIEWED AS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE. ALL REPORTED INABILITY TO ENLIST ANY  
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ALLIES IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL, POLITICAL OR PERSONAL FAMILY TO TRY AND MOVE PRESIDENT ON THIS ISSUE. AMERASINGHE DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE A FRIEND IN COLOMBO OUTSIDE FOREIGN EMBASSIES AND FOREIGN MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS. JAPANESE AND INDONESIAN AMBASSADORS BELIEVE THAT JAYEWARDENE WOULD LOSE TOO MUCH FACE BY REVERSAL AT THIS LATE DATE AND CONSIDER MATTER VIRTUALLY CLOSED.

3. AFTER FOREGOING DISCUSSIONS, CANADIAN HICOM COOPER DELIVERED HIS STRONG REPRESENTATION FROM HIS MINISTER OF STATE TO FONMIN HAMEED AFTERNOON 10 MARCH. HAMEED'S POSITION WAS THAT WALDHEIM HAD NEVER RESPONDED TO GSL OFFER TO ALLOW AMERASINGHE TO REMAIN AS LOS PRESIDENT, SO LONG AS HE IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH GSL DELEGATION. IF WALDHEIM WILL INDICATE THAT OPTION IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE (DUE LATIN AMERICAN OBJECTIONS) AND REQUEST THE GSL TO ATTACH AMERASINGHE IN SOME WAY TO THE GSL DELEGATION, SUCH AS HONORARY ADVISOR FOLLOWING THE AUSTRIAN PRECEDENT, HAMEEDFWILL PRESENT THIS TO PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE. CANADIAN HICOM NOW URGENTLY CONVEYING FOREGOING TO OTTAWA AND NEW YORK WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT WALDHEIM RESPOND AS INDICATED.

4. COMMENT: COOPER (AND I) ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF DEVIOUS ELEMENT IN HAMEED. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAS SOLICITED A REQUEST FROM WALDHEIM WHICH COULD RESULT IN PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE CHANGING HIS MIND. I AM THEREFORE DELAYING MY REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT UNTIL OUTCOME THIS LATEST GAMBIT BEGINS TO APPEAR.

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